GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDUCTION OF AKASH MISSILE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air Force has declined to induct the `Akash Missile`;

(b) if so, the details on its effectiveness and reasons for decline;

(c) the total amount so far spent on the Developement of the Akash Missile;

(d) whether the Government proposes to further improve it for its induction in the Air Force; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Air Force has not declined the induction of Akash medium range surface to air missile.

(c) Development of Akash Missile is a part of Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP). As on 31st July 2007, an amount of Rs.492.41 crore has been spent on development of Akash Missile.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.